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By CURTIS YORKE.

"Poor fellows!" she said half aloud, "how good of them, and yet—how funny!" Here she choked again. "Oh, what would Aunt Priscilla say? How nice they are—especially Capt. Darrell. And how very strange that I should make his acquaintance in such an outrageous way. Old enough to be my father, he said. Well, he does not look it. I wonder how much brandy he put in this," regarding with much distaste the tumbler she had just set down.

She took off her drenched little gown, and her equally drenched boots and stockings, and having put them to dry, brushed out her hair with an ivory backed brush on which an inextricable silver monogram flourished, baffling all her efforts to decipher it. Then she examined a little pile of books which lay on the mantelpiece, consisting of a couple of French novels, a railway time table, and a small morocco bound Bible. On the fly leaf of this last was written: "Lancelot E. Darrell, from his loving mother." It was his room, then, the girl thought with a curious sense of satisfaction. At this point she became aware that she was feeling rather sleepy; so she obeyed Darrell's instructions to the letter, extinguished the candle, jumped into bed, and in two minutes was fast asleep.

When she awoke the fire was out, and the room in darkness; so she promptly went to sleep again. From this sleep she was awakened by footsteps passing her door, and by the sound of subdued voices. She got out of bed, lit her candle, and looked at her watch. It was twenty minutes to twelve. Surely it must be more than that, she thought in some perplexity. She felt as if she had been asleep for a long time. All at once she became conscious of a strong, pervading odor of newly made coffee, mingled with the appetizing fragrance of fried bacon. Was it possible it could be nearly twelve noon? She drew aside the window blind and looked out. It was pitch dark. Much puzzled, she examined the clothes she had hung to the fire. They felt quite dry. By this she knew that many hours must have elapsed. Besides, the room felt so cold that she also knew the fire must have been out for some time. Like a flash it occurred to her that the snow had risen above the windows, that, in fact, they were literally snowed up!

She made a hurried toilet, then, candle in hand, she went out into the little hall. At the same moment a door opposite opened, and Carruthers came out.

"Good morning, Miss Heath," he said. "Darrell and I were just holding a council of war as to whether or not we ought to let you know that in spite of the darkness, it is time you had some breakfast."

"Oh, we are snowed up, then!" she said in a troubled voice.

"Very much so," was the laughing reply.

"Good morning, Miss Heath," said Darrell, as the girl advanced into the room. "How did you sleep? I trust you are none the worse for your wetting?" he added, with a shade of anxiety in his tone.

"I slept very well," she answered slowly. "And I am not a bit the worse. Is it still snowing?"

"I am afraid so. Come and have some breakfast. We kept yours warm for you," said Carruthers, carefully lifting a covered dish from before the fire. "We must apologize for being rude enough not to wait for you, but we were awfully hungry—at least I was."

"Well, so am I," confessed Miss Heath, seating herself at the table, and accepting a plate of bacon from Carruthers and a cup of coffee from Darrell. "But," she said suddenly, with a funny little smile and uplifting of her eyebrows, "has your servant come back? And if he has not—who cooked the bacon and made the coffee?"

"We did," replied Carruthers with pardonable pride. "At least, I fried the bacon and Darrell made the coffee. He says the bacon is done to death, and I say the coffee is muddy. What do you say?"

"I say they are both delicious," said the girl demurely. "I do wish I had seen you—as cooks, I mean," she added with a rippling little laugh.

"There is every probability that you may see us in that engaging capacity for some days to come," said Darrell rather ruefully.

"Some days!" she echoed, setting down her cup in dismay. "Do you mean to say I can't go home even to-day?"

Instead of answering, Darrell pointed to the window, where the prospect was black indeed, being simply Egyptian darkness.

"Do you know how far you are from The Grange?" he said then, looking at her with amused, kindly eyes. "Quite five miles. Look how the snow has drifted already, and it is still snowing."

"Oh, Aunt Priscilla will be quite crazy," said poor Leslie in a despairing kind of way. "And what a nuisance I shall be to you both."

"Do you think so?" said Darrell gravely, as he took her cup. "That is very unkind of you. Have some more coffee!"

"Let us take Miss Heath up to the loft and show her the promising state of the surrounding country," suggested Carruthers, when the visitor had resolutely refused any further nourishment.

"But—the tablet! It must be cleared," she said reprovingly.

"Oh—er—yes, of course," he replied in doubtful tones. "Come on, Darrell!"

"I shall help," said Miss Heath, who had thrown care and Aunt Priscilla to the winds, and was beginning to enjoy herself immensely. "Where is the kitchen?" she continued, seizing the coffee pot. "You lead the way with the lamp, please, Mr. Carruthers."

The kitchen was in a state of indescribable confusion. Plates, knives, pans, etc., were thrown about impartially on chairs, table and floor. A cheery fire was burning, however, and threw an air of rollicking joviality over the whole scene.

"Put them down anywhere," said Darrell, recklessly depositing on the nearest chair the cup and saucer and plate he carried.

"Oh no," remonstrated Leslie, "they must be washed and put away properly."

"Washed!" echoed both men helplessly.

"Of course," was the inflexible reply, as the speaker invested herself in a large white apron, which, by the way, was most becoming.

"Oh, I say, not just now, Miss Heath," entreated Carruthers pathetically. "There are lots of clean ones about somewhere, and you've no idea how awfully done up we both are. Why, lighting three fires alone—not to mention the cooking—took us a good hour. Darrell once had language over the sitting room fire this morning than I've heard him give way to at all the years I've known him."

They all laughed, and Leslie, with a disapproving shake of her curly head, began in a deft, delightfully feminine like way, to reduce the scattered dishes, etc., to some kind of order, while the two men seated themselves on the partially cleared table and watched her with combined interest and amusement.

"Now we must have some hot water," announced this new autocrat of the kitchen. "We can't wash dishes in cold water, you know," she proceeded kindly to explain.

"Why not?" Carruthers ventured to inquire.

But Miss Heath did not answer. She was rummaging in a drawer for towels. She looked quite at home and as busy and happy as possible. So her two slaves meekly got off the table, filled up the kettle and replenished the fire.

"While it is heating I shall go up with you to the loft," Leslie said then graciously. "Perhaps it has left off snowing. What a dear little house it is," she exclaimed, as, after a short inspection of the tiny dwelling—which was all on one floor, bungalow fashion—they prepared to climb the ladder leading to the loft.

"You are right," acquiesced Darrell reflectively, "it is small, and, yes—it is most certainly dear. Give me your hand, Miss Heath, and mind your head on that beam."

"Dear me, daylight comes on one quite with a shock," said the girl, blinking her eyes a little. "Oh, oh!" she went on in dismayed tones, as she took a bird's eye view of the surrounding country from the small sloping skylight, through whose crevices the snow whirled in merrily. "Why, I can see nothing but snow! No road—and what a black sky, as if it might snow for weeks. Oh, I shall never get home. This is terrible!" she concluded despairingly, all her gay spirits deserting her.

"Never is a long day," said Darrell encouragingly. "We will hope for better things. You had better come down now, Miss Heath; it is far too cold for you up here."

So they descended to the kitchen again, and with more zeal than discretion on the part of two of the performers, washed and dried the dishes thereby breaking two plates, and cracking a tumbler. When this laborious occupation was over, it was discovered that the sitting room fire had quietly gone out, and by the time it was lighted again Carruthers suggested that they should have something to eat. "We don't want to cook anything, you know," he said gleefully. "There's a cold pie and things in the larder."

So they had the "cold pie and things," washed down by a bottle of Burgundy, and felt much refreshed and invigorated thereby. Then Carruthers went up to the loft again to reconnoiter, and came back with the mingled tidings that it had stopped snowing, but was freezing hard.

"Then we must get the door open, and try to clear some of the snow from the windows," said Darrell; "for this prolonged lamplight is rather depressing."

After some time, and with considerable difficulty, they got the door open, and set to work with a will. Meanwhile Leslie, left to her own devices, put her own room to rights, made up the fires and explored the larder. There was plenty of bacon, another cold pie, and an apple tart, besides a couple fowls and a fair supply of tinned meats. There were also two tins of condensed milk and a jar of Liebig; half a dozen loaves, but no butter, and no vegetables whatever. Coffee there was in abundance.

They all helped to get the somewhat heterogeneous evening meal ready, and when it was over they drew round the fire in quite a cozy, friendly fashion. Leslie insisted that her hosts should smoke their cigars or pipes as usual.

"Just as if I weren't here, you know," she said cunningly.

It was wonderful how much at home she felt and looked already. She made a winsome little picture enough, as she sat curled up in a big easy chair brought by Darrell from the other room for her benefit. She was not exactly pretty, that young man decided, as he looked at her from his dark corner at the other side of the fireplace—but there was something wonderfully lovable and attractive about the pale little face with its fluffy brown hair, and its great dark eyes out of which the pure fearless woman's soul looked so trustfully. A man might safely give his heart into the keeping of such a sweet little woman, he reflected further. Then he pulled himself up with a start, and frowned slightly at his own folly.

"I know one thing," said Carruthers suddenly, as he struck himself out in his chair, and lit a fresh cigar—"there's not a single dish of any kind or description going to be washed in this house to-night."

Leslie laughed; then she grew suddenly grave.

"Aunt Priscilla will think I am dead," she said, looking meditatively into the fire. "I do wish I had not ventured out yesterday; it was most unlucky."

Both men were silent, for they could not honestly say they agreed with her. On the contrary, I fear that with an utter disregard for the feelings of poor Aunt Priscilla, they were rather glad that a capricious chance had thrown this winsome little maiden on their protection. It seemed curiously natural and familiar to see her sitting there, to see the firelight glinting on her hair, to hear her childlike laugh. It seemed incredible that they were unconscious of her very existence yesterday—only yesterday!

Next day passed much as its predecessor had done, except that the men worked hard all the morning—clearing the snow from about the house, while Leslie attended to the domestic arrangements herself. In the afternoon Carruthers distinguished himself by concocting a fearful and wonderful stew for supper, which it appeared he had known and loved in India. Leslie looked on in sarcastic disapproval, and Darrell chopped up wood in the back kitchen. Owing, however, to a somewhat liberal distribution of cayenne pepper, and the total absence of any other seasoning, the stew was not a marked success, though its author declared it was "the finest thing he had tasted for many a long day."

Three more days passed: the frost still held, and the provisions diminished with alarming rapidity. Fortunately they had plenty of coals, for the cold was intense. The men worked steadily during the greater part of each day—not only clearing the snow from around the house, but working a path to the main road across the moor. Leslie found plenty to occupy her indoors; but flitted in and out at intervals to inspect "the work," as she called the snow clearing. In the evenings they were all glad enough to draw round the fire for rest and warmth. And very pleasant evenings they were. There was an ever increasing charm to both men in Leslie's innocent chatter, in her half childlike, half womanly ways, and in her singing. For she had offered in a naive little way to sing to them, "to help to pass the time." So she sang every night. She had a sweet, touching, bird like voice—a voice that found its way at once to the heart and stayed there.

It was, then, the fifth day of Miss Heath's sojourn in the little household, and it was Sunday. After the 8 o'clock supper—Leslie would not allow it to be called dinner—they were as usual gathered round the fire. The lamp was unlit, for oil was scanty and therefore precious. Candles, too, were few. And as Leslie said, firelight was good enough to talk by.

"Are we to have no music to-night, Miss Heath?" Darrell asked rather reproachfully, when they had sat silent for some time.

Leslie was sitting on the fender, burning her bonnie little face at the fire. At Darrell's words she looked up with sweet, serious eyes and said:

"I can't sing songs, you know, as it is Sunday. I never do. And I suppose you wouldn't care for hymns?"

"Why should you suppose that?" he said in a curiously gentle voice. While Carruthers said bluntly:

"We had rather you sang hymns than didn't sing at all. Please do, Miss Heath."

And Leslie clasped her little hands round her knees and sang, with an earnest, absorbed, almost childlike unconsciousness. She can never remember what hymns which never (now really) fit for any of us; and as she sang, both men seemed carried back—back—through the long years, to their boyhood and childhood.

"Thank you," said Carruthers in a low tone, when at last the sweet voice ceased.

Darrell did not say anything. He was leaning back in his chair, with folded arms, and rather a stern look about his mouth.

"I always sing to Aunt Priscilla on Sunday nights," said the girl dreamily, after a pause. Then she added, "And I always read her a chapter from the Bible, too."

"Will you not read to us also?" said Darrell suddenly, after another short silence. There was an indescribable softening in his deep voice as it came through the firelit dusk. His face Leslie could not see, for it was in deep shadow.

And Leslie clasped her little hands round her knees and sang.

"Yes," she answered at once, "if you wish it. There is a Bible in my room. It is yours, is it not?" looking at Darrell.

"Yes," he answered, "it is mine."

"I will get it," said Carruthers, rising and going out of the room. In less than a minute he was back again.

"No, don't light the lamp," said Leslie. "I can see quite well." Then she opened the book and began to read, choosing a short chapter in Isaiah. The grand old words fell with a strange, solemn significance from the girlish lips, thought at least one of her listeners, and he became conscious with a sharp, sudden pang of the wide, terrible desert of years and follies and sins that lay between this pure, childlike, innocent little soul and his own. Then he thought of his mother; it was more than twenty years since she had given him that little book—twenty years!

"And sorrow and sighing shall flee away," read Leslie, as she finished the chapter and closed the book.

This time it was Darrell who thanked her.

Shortly afterwards she said good night and went to her room, leaving the men sitting and smoking in silence for hours.

"She is a dear little thing, she is," said Carruthers, tenderly, as he came back to his seat again, after opening the door for her. "Don't you think so?"

"Yes," was the terse answer.

"What an looberg you are, Darrell," went on Carruthers, with some impatience. "About women, I mean."

"Ah," said the other indifferently. "Just hand me my pipe, will you—and the matches. Thanks."

There was a somewhat lengthened silence; then Gilbert said suddenly:

"Look here, old man, I'm going to tell you something that will make you think me an out and out fool."

Darrell took his pipe more firmly between his strong white teeth. He knew what was coming. But he did not say anything, and Carruthers continued:

"Now, if you had told me last Sunday that in less than a week I should be more hopelessly hard hit than ever I was in my life, I should simply have called you an ass."

"Much obliged," said the other curtly.

"I should, really," went on Carruthers, absently taking up the poker and raking out bits of glowing coal from between the bars of the grate. "The fact is, old man, I'm as deeply in love as any schoolboy."

Darrell received this announcement in perfect silence.

"Hang it all, Lance, you might show a little interest!" burst out Gilbert in an aggrieved tone.

"My dear fellow, you must remember that, as yet, I have no peg to hang my interest on, so to speak," returned Darrell in rather a strained voice. "Am I to understand that you have—fallen in love with Miss Heath?"

He got out the last words sharply and almost roughly, as if they hurt him.

Gilbert paused in the act of lighting his pipe and nodded. "You've hit it," he said then, as he threw away the match. "The thing is—has she—would she think anything of me?"

"Well, I suppose you hardly intend ascertaining her views on the matter in the meantime?" observed Darrell, shortly.

"Do I intend being a howling cad?" was the indignant rejoinder. "Of course I shall wait till we get out of this confounded hole—if we ever do." Then, after a pause, he went on, almost boyishly, "I say, old fellow, do you think I'd have any chance?"

"I see no reason why you should not," was the answer, in an odd voice.

Carruthers leant his elbow on his knee and stared into the fire. Then he said:

"Upon my soul, as she sat there reading and singing to us to-night, with that babyish seriousness in her eyes—bless her!—I tell you, Darrell, I could have taken her in my arms and kissed her, the little darling!"

He stirred the fire into a rousing blaze as he spoke and smiled—a little caressing smile. Darrell altered his position slightly, but he did not speak, and the other proceeded:

"I've fancied once or twice, you know, from her manner and that—that perhaps I might have a chance. Eh? What do you think?"

"How the devil should I know?" returned Darrell suddenly and savagely. "The girl has not confided in me!"

"Well, you needn't flare up like that about it," observed Carruthers, after surveying his companion in undisguised amazement for perhaps a minute. "Dash it all, we've always been chums, and I naturally thought you—. But, of course, it's no matter," he broke off rather huffily.

Darrell laid aside his pipe—it had been out for some time—and rose to his feet. The firelight flashed full on his face, and Carruthers exclaimed hastily:

"I say, old chap, are you ill?" By Jove! you look uncommonly queer!"

"Ill—no," said the other, speaking seemingly with an effort. "I've felt rather done up all day, though, somehow. I think I'll go to bed."

Leslie noticed next morning that Darrell was unusually silent, even for him, and he was never a talkative fellow. She also noticed that his breakfast consisted of half a cup of coffee and nothing more. They breakfasted in the sitting room that morning, for the kitchen chimney had taken to smoking violently.

"I say, Lance," said Carruthers, when the meal was over, and Leslie had flitted away to the kitchen, "are you afraid of the provisions giving out altogether, that you took no breakfast? We've still enough for a day or two. Miss Heath found two more tins of tongue this morning."

"No, it isn't that," said Darrell, who was leaning back in his chair, looking wretchedly white and ill. "But I have a most infernally sore throat, and feel so completely done up I can scarcely move. Don't worry me, there's a good fellow. And don't say anything to Miss Heath."

But Miss Heath saw for herself that Darrell was looking very ill, and that as the day advanced he looked worse. His voice, too, grew hoarse and thick, and finally almost inaudible.

"You have got a shocking cold, have you not?" she said, looking down at him anxiously as he sat shivering over the fire in the winter dusk.

"Yes, I suppose I have," he answered, trying to smile. "I feel regularly floored."

Some hours later, when Leslie had left the room to see about supper, Darrell rose suddenly.

"I say, Gilbert," he said falsely, "I can't sit up any longer. I feel awfully ill, and I don't want any supper. Make my excuses to Miss Heath, will you?"

"Poor old chap! you do look bad," said Carruthers in a concerned voice. "Is it your throat?"

"Partly. Besides, I am horribly sick."

"Have some brandy," suggested the other.

"No, thanks. I can't swallow anything." And he went languidly out of the room.

So Gilbert and Leslie had a tete-a-tete dinner, and rather a silent one.

Darrell was very ill all night, and in the morning was quite unfit to leave his bed.

"I can't get him to take anything," said Carruthers to Leslie, after breakfast. "I tried to give him a teaspoonful of brandy—he's been so sick, you know; but I don't think he can swallow at all now. And he seems so awfully weak; he can hardly lift his head. I can't understand his losing strength so in the time."

"I hope it is not diphtheria," said Leslie, speaking almost in a whisper, and turning very pale. "It begins just in that way. And it is such a swift, insidious thing. I had a cousin who died of it; and she was only ill a few days."

"I don't know what it is," said Carruthers gloomily. "I don't like his looks, anyway. His throat has been bad for some days, he says, but he thought it would pass off."

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"I say, old fellow," muttered Darrell late that night, when the other had been vainly persuading him to have a spoonful of tinned soup he had heated for him, "keep away from me as much as you can. I know what this is now. It's diphtheria, and it's horribly infectious."

"Oh, no, it isn't, old man; it's just a bad cold, you know," said Carruthers hastily. But he felt more alarmed at Darrell's looks than he would have cared to own; and, as a matter of fact, he was beginning to feel queer enough himself, for his own throat was just sufficiently painful to render swallowing a very disagreeable necessity, and his limbs felt as if they were made of lead.

"Poor old chap!" he said to himself, as he went wearily to his own room, and flung himself down on his bed without undressing, and there he remained for days.

"I wish there was anything I could do," he went on in a troubled voice.

The other smiled faintly.

"Leave me alone, there's a good old chap," he said, wearily and indistinctly. "It's no use. I don't think I shall see another night. This sort of thing loses no time, you know."

"I wish you wouldn't talk like that, Darrell," remonstrated Carruthers. "Why, we'll have you as well as ever in a couple of days," he added, with a poor attempt at cheerfulness.

In the morning, however, Darrell could not speak above a whisper, and hardly that. He was not unconscious, but utterly prostrate and powerless. He shook his head when Carruthers brought him a cup of coffee, and altogether seemed so far through that the other went back to the sitting room with a terribly anxious look in his bonnie blue eyes and a curious, unwonted tightening at his heart. For they had been friends, indeed almost brothers, since their school days.

Leslie looked up quickly as he entered.

"How is he?" she asked in a voice that shook perceptibly.

"Very bad," was the brief answer.

"Is he worse, do you think?" she faltered.

"He's about as bad as he can be," he answered in a choked voice. He bit his lips nervously and then burst out: "Oh, I say, Miss Heath, I can't help thinking it's all up with the dear old fellow. You've no idea how ill he is. He says himself he'll not last through another night. Good God! it's awful to be shut up here—to see him die before our eyes"— He stopped and took a gulp of coffee.

While he was speaking Leslie had half risen from the chair, nervously grasping the table with both her hands.

"Do you mean—that he will—die?" she gasped.

Carruthers rose, too, with a gesture of alarm and dismay.

"Miss Heath—Leslie—good heavens! how white you look! You are not going to faint, are you? Let me get you some water or something."

"No—no," she whispered. "I—I am not ill. Dying—you say! Dying! Ah, no—no. It would be too cruel. Oh, surely you can get some help," she went on, wildly and passionately. "Surely you will not let him die without making an effort, at least, to save him! Why don't you? He will die—he will die! Oh, it is cruel!"

She threw herself into a chair, and covered her face with her hands.

Carruthers grew very white.

"What do you mean?" he said hoarsely. "What is it to you—his life or death?"

She made no answer; but he could see that she was trembling violently.

"Do you mean," he said, speaking very slowly, and with long pauses between the words, "that you—care for him—that you—love him?"

She looked up then, her eyes dry and tearless, but full of a maidenly indignation at the ruthless question.

"You have no right"—she began in a breathless whisper.

"Answer me," he interrupted her harshly.

Then all at once she broke into bitter weeping.

"I don't know—I don't know," she sobbed wildly. "But if he dies—oh, if he dies my heart will break!"

The next moment she was gone, and Carruthers was alone.

He stood quite still where she had left him. The room seemed to grow suddenly dark. He groped his way to a chair and sat down. "If he dies my heart will break!" The sweet, childish tones, vibrating with a new fierce note of woman's passion, rang in his ears still. He had half suspected for the last day or two that Darrell cared for Leslie, but never that she cared for him—

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CASH paid for wool by A. Reilly.

FRANK FREEMAN

OR

THE DEATH-BED WEDDING.

BY MRS. AMANDA BRKWER.

The past comes beaming up through the vista of by-gone years. The cherished and loved ones of other days: the hopes and fears that enlivened, or oppressed our youthful hearts: the sunshine that gilded, or the shadows that darkened the sky of our early days, often bear an impress on our hearts long after years have flown, and the actors that took part in those scenes are scattered and forgotten. The idols enshrined in our hearts and worshiped there may prove unworthy of such homage; those whom we trusted may betray; friendships which seemed cemented may be widely severed; those which were as cherished flowers may droop and die; wealth may take to itself wings; the glittering phantoms that appeared so near may elude our pursuit. But, memory, true to its post, comes crowded with past events, bearing on its wings painful or pleasing recollections, not as a tale of romance, or fiction, but as stern realities. There are scenes and incidents as thrilling, constantly occurring, in our every day life as ever floated in the beam of the most imaginative, or emanated from the pen of the novelist.

Frank Freeman was a native of the village of Smethport, Pa. The first and foremost on the play ground and in every boyish frolic or childish pursuit; at school the head of his class. Possessing intelligence and ability, he surmounted difficulties with an uncommon degree of energy. It would take no prophet to predict the great man of future years. His parents being wealthy, spared no expense in the education of their gifted son, who well repaid them by the diligent improvement of his time and assiduous application to study.

Early in life he formed an attachment for Ella D., a daughter of the resident minister of the place. One could not meet her pale, sweet face without being impressed that hers was a heart and character of angelic purity and loveliness. She was, indeed, a being whom to know was to love. We do not intend to represent her as one entirely free from faults. She undoubtedly possessed some common to fallen nature; but to what extent, or wherein they consisted, few, if any, ever discovered.

Possessing a well cultivated mind, and taste and refinement of manners, deeply pious, her religion was not worn for outward show, but practical, which was carried out and influenced every action in life, a living principle of the soul, having a kind word to cheer the desponding, a helping hand to stand by the bedside of sickness and suffering, administering to their wants, pouring consolation into their hearts. In short, never weary in well-doing.

It is not a wonder that Frank, with his just appreciation of the good and beautiful, should admire and in time love Ella D. Impetuous and ardent he was not long in making known his attachment, urging her acceptance of his heart and hand, the former of which he declared he no longer possessed, but was all her own. She gave him for the present no encouragement, but advised him to wait and patiently test the depth of his emotion, for hitherto he had mingled little in female society. His books had been his constant companions. She judged he might yet repent his rashness and beseeched him to dismiss the subject.

Chagrined at this unexpected repulse, for months it was not referred to. But they were much in each other's company, and by the most delicate attentions on his part he succeeded in gradually winning his way into her heart, until aside from the author of her existence, who had higher, holier claims she loved him with all the deep devotion of a heart's first love. His passion continued unabated and they were early affianced, and as soon as he should have completed his education were to be united.

In the meantime Ella's father was called to a distant field of labor; she was to accompany the family to their new home. With deep regret she left the friends and associates of her early youth; the place where she had spent the happiest portion of her life. The parting scene between the lovers can better be imagined than described. Suffice it to say, with many protestations of eternal fidelity and constancy they parted, little imagining under what circumstances they would next meet. For a time letters were frequent containing many mutual expressions of devoted love, many allusions to anticipated happiness in future years. They were as happy as two fond hearts thus separated could well be.

But in time Frank's letters to Ella were less frequent, and she fancied cold and formal. What could it mean? Had he forgotten his vows to eternally love and faithfully cherish a remembrance of her? *She* continued *faithful*—*he* had evidently *changed*. What *could it mean?*

He had not forgotten; he was trying to forget; he meant to forget his once adored Ella, his affianced bride.

Another star had risen. Alice B. had but recently become a resident of the place. She was a lady of high intellectual endowments, prepossessing in appearance, but not a beauty in the common acceptance of the term. Her greatest personal attraction consisted in a pair of deep blue eyes into whose soft light stole a certain witchingness. The sweet, soft tones of her voice were sufficient to entrance and enchain a willing ear. There was a fasc

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E. ROSENBERG,
Editor and Proprietor

Smethport, Pa., June 28, 1889.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

A REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION will be held in the Court House at Smethport on TUESDAY, July 2d, 1889, at 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of nominating a candidate for County Treasurer, and also any other business of the Republican County Committee may come before the said convention. The following will be the basis of representation:

Each election district is entitled to one delegate for every fifteen votes cast for Governor at the last preceding election, and one additional delegate for a fraction of eight votes or more. Each election district is entitled to one delegate at large.

The primary elections will be held on Saturday, June 29th, 1889, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock, P. M., except as follows: In Otto township, at 10 a. m.; in Hamlin, at 10 o'clock, a. m., and Annin will be opened at 9 o'clock, a. m., and remain open at least three hours. In Corydon township the primaries will be opened at 2 o'clock, p. m., and remain open two hours. Each district should at those caucuses appoint one person as a member of the County Committee.

By order of the
Chairman County Com.

Bradford, Pa., May 31, 1889.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The subscriber will be a candidate for County Treasurer before the Republican County Convention, which convenes in Smethport, on Tuesday, July 2, 1889.

E. ROSENBERG.

DEATH OF SIMON CAMERON.

For several days past Gen. Simon Cameron, Pennsylvania's most distinguished son, has been lying at death's door at Donegal, his country seat near Lancaster, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. He died on Wednesday evening of this week, at 8 o'clock. Around the death bed were ex-Attorney-General Wayne McVeigh and wife, Mrs. Haldeman, James Cameron, Simon B. Cameron and wife, and Mrs. David Watts, a granddaughter. The funeral will take place in Harrisburg, the date of which had not been determined upon when we went to press. Next week we will publish a sketch of the ex-senator's life.

THE caucus for electing delegates to the Republican County Convention which convenes in the Court House in this place on Tuesday next, will be held on Saturday evening of this week. There should be a general turn out.

THE board of canvassers met in this borough, on Thursday of last week to canvass the vote of the late election, in this county. The footings are as follows: For the prohibitory amendment, 1,654; against the prohibitory amendment, 2,053; majority for amendment 399. For the suffrage amendment, 1,717; against the suffrage amendment, 1,856; majority for amendment, 61.

PUBLIC drunkenness should be made a criminal offense statute, triable in the Courts of Quarter Sessions and punishable by fine and imprisonment. The act of a minor in attempting to obtain liquor upon the pretense that he is of age should be made a misdemeanor also triable in the Quarter Sessions and punishable by a suitable [illegible] indicated in this article temperance reform may be safely left to the church in its own appropriate sphere and to the enlightened moral sentiment which it is in its power to create.—*Harrisburg Patriot.*

THE officers to be nominated next Tuesday are a County Treasurer and County Surveyor. Two delegates to the State Convention and a chairman of the County Committee will also be elected. M. J. Hadley, Esq., of Annin township, will ask for the County Surveyor nomination. Owing to the call of Chairman Weaver not embracing that office there was some doubt in Mr. Hadley's mind whether it was to be filled at the election this fall, therefore he did not announce. The office is to be filled and Mr. Hadley will ask for the nomination. He is a practical surveyor, a veteran of the war of the rebellion, an intelligent, upright man and deserves the nomination.

WE publish in this issue the rules governing the holding of Republican caucuses in McKean County. These rules were adopted some six years ago and have been in operation since that time. It will be seen that under these rules none but Republicans can vote at caucus held by that party. It hardly seems necessary to make that statement yet in some precincts of this county it is deliberately contemplated to have Democrats vote for delegates on Saturday evening of this week. It is the duty of the officers holding the caucus to see that no such outrage is perpetrated. Any man who attempts this thing should be put under oath and made to swear who he last voted for at a general election. If he perjures himself then we will see that he is indicted at the next criminal Court. In certain precincts of this County the practice of running in Democrats to assist in electing delegates has been pursued on for years and it is about time that this business had come to an end. No reputable Democrat would engage in the dirty business.

THE wife of ex President Rutherford B. Hayes died Tuesday morning at Fremont, Ohio. She was stricken down very suddenly only a few days before, and from the first her life was despaired of. Mrs. Hayes' ancestors were of good revolutionary stock. Her maiden name was Lucy Ware Webb and she was born 1831, at Chillicothe, Ohio. She was the only daughter of Dr. James Webb and Maria Cook. Her grandfather, Judge Isaac Cook, who came from Connecticut in 1784, and all four of her great grandfathers served in the revolutionary war. Her father served in the war of 1812, and died in Lexington, Ky., in 1823. Mrs. Hayes received a liberal education, having graduated at the Wesleyan Female Seminary in Cincinnati in 1852. She was married the same year, and at the breaking out of the rebellion, her husband immediately entered the army. During her four years of life at the White House she was distinguished by the graceful cordiality with which she received all persons. The funeral takes place this (Friday) afternoon.

MR. BLAINE'S AMERICANISM.

The Samoan settlement attracts increasing attention. It undoubtedly was a great triumph for American diplomacy, especially as contrasted with Bayard Democratic truckling to foreign powers. Even the London *Times* says: "The American policy was natural and necessary, and American influence was moderately but effectually exercised." Another English supporter of the late American administration, the *Pall Mall Gazette*, takes this just view of the situation:

We congratulate America very heartily upon the signal success that has attended her on the first occasion she has appeared up to a first class power and let it be distinctly understood that she meant to have her way or she would know the reason why. This constitutes the supreme significance of the Samoan conference. Hitherto America has been treated as a *quantité negligeable*; henceforth it will be understood that she is perfectly prepared to spend any number of millions in order to make good her word when she considers it pledged, to vindicate her honor when she thinks it is involved, or to defend her interests wherever they may be attacked. The terms of the settlement are not to establish the *status quo* so far as the Samoans are concerned, but practically share out England's position between Germany and the United States. Our interests appear to have been treated as secondary and subordinate throughout.

Thomas Francis Bayard would never have seen England snubbed or slighted, oh, no, not he!

The Mugwumps, of course, have found a fly in this ointment. It is a very small one, however. The New York *Post* remarks:

The English newspapers are generally agreed that America has come off with flying colors in the Samoan conference and has for the first time taken rank as a first class power in diplomacy. This victory, if it is to be considered such, has been gained in spite of the teachings of Washington and in contravention of our unbroken foreign policy of a hundred years. Therefore it can be justified only by the event. It is our belief that meddling in Samoan affairs, as it has cost more in the past than it has yielded, so it will cost a great deal more in the future, because in the first place, there is nothing in Samoa worth going for, even if it were conveniently situated, and because in the second place, it is at too great a distance, being a thousand miles farther from San Francisco than Liverpool is from New York. Nor do we think that a diplomatic triumph over Germany under the circumstances is a thing to be proud of.

Much fairer than the carping critic is an out and out Democratic paper, the Boston *Pilot*, which warmly supported Mr. Cleveland for re-election. We quote:

The Mugwump papers "point with pride" to the settlement of the Samoan difficulty "on the lines laid down by Secretary Bayard" as a proof of that statesman's rare ability. As it has taken Mr. Blaine less than three months to achieve what Mr. Bayard did not succeed in achieving in three years, we fail to see what honor belongs to the Delaware statesman. Had the matter remained in Mr. Bayard's hands, he might by this time, perhaps, be getting ready to begin to send out invitations to the leading powers of Europe, Asia and Africa to join us in an international conference for the purpose of deciding the best method of surrendering American interests to England or Germany. The trouble with Mr. Bayard was first that he never could see the American side of a question, and second that he did not know how to do even the wrong thing expeditiously.

[illegible] will be as conspicuous for its [illegible] policy as the late administration was for its utter and entire absence of one.

A REPUBLICAN'S VIEWS.

A Well-Known Business Man Writes About the Prohibition Election.

To the Editor of The Press.

SIR: I am a Market Street merchant, a resident of the twentieth ward, and until last Tuesday never took an active working interest in politics. I am and have always been a stalwart republican. I take an active part in both sunday school and church work. I am a strong advocate of high license, because I see under its workings that saloons reduced to 1250. I see the commitments to county prison and house of correction reduced to 50 per cent, and the commitments for women over 70 per cent. I have been told by some of my fellow prohibitionists because I advocated high license that I was in league with the devil. I readily acknowledge that if a thing is wrong that any half-way measure taken is wrong also, but I am working for reform, and not for a barren theory. I want to see my fellow-men redeemed from a curse, and I cheerfully accept high license, which in itself is partially wrong, but which is a stepping stone to prohibition. As a business man I would consider myself an idiot if I refused to accept 50 per cent of good gained simply because I could not get the whole.

Tuesday's election, as it appeared to my mind, was not a question of prohibition, or high license, but prohibition or no prohibition, and I could meet it only in one of three ways, viz, vote for, vote against, or dodge it by not voting at all. Dodging I considered dishonorable so I voted for the amendment. On election day I pinned a prohibition badge on my coat and spent nearly the whole day at the polls of my precinct. The polling place was in a residence attached to a saloon. The saloonkeeper, who is an active worker of my own (Republican) party, knew that if the cause for which I was working was successful that his occupation would be gone, and the money he had invested in it (this all) would be largely sacrificed, and yet I must say candidly he did not attempt to interfere, while me he solicited his friends to vote his way, and I solicited the same ones to vote my way.

It was not a day for argument, but for voting, and my experience was that everyone came to the polls fully decided how he was going to vote, I was surprised to find men, whom I expected for family and church-going reasons to vote for the amendment, when I offered them the ticket deliberately say, "I want it wet."

The opponents to the amendment were fully organized. It is a well-known fact that the ward and precinct parties of both the republican and democratic workers are not in sympathy with prohibition, and on the day of election they were asked to work in the interest of anti-prohibition and the argument used was they were paid or were to be paid for their services, the same as on a general election. They had their window-books prepared and every vote marked, and the whole plan worked with a system which was entirely lacking on the side of prohibitionists. This system was good management on the one side and no management or system on the other.

To be successful in the future requires the friends and workers for prohibition to educate the people up to the fact, first, that the cause is a right and just one; second, organize every ward and precinct and have reliable men representing it at the polls; third, use all honest and available arguments to show that the cause is right—do not forget that you can win more by moral suasion and not by threatenings; fourth do not be discouraged because you are now in the minority.

After working hard at the polls all day a fellow-republican and prohibitionist said to me that he felt like leaving the republican party and joining the prohibition or third party. Can success for the cause be obtained in that way? I think not. Tuesday's election showed that the mass of voters of both parties are against prohibition and the small vote polled for it precludes all idea of the success of a third party. In my division we polled 41 votes for and 181 against prohibition, and as near as I could discover fully nine tenths were republicans. This division generally has upwards of 200 republicans majority. It is a well-known fact that the democratic party as a party is opposed to prohibition, and that all the concessions that we have gained have been from the republican party. The high license bill is a republican measure. Shall we then, because we are in the minority and can not control the party, leave it altogether? I think such action is folly, yes, madness. As a merchant I try to build up my trade.

If I can not sell a customer his full bill of goods in my line I cheerfully accept a small portion, and next time sell him a large portion, and so on until I secure his entire custom. We all know the old fable of the camel sticking his nose, then his head then his body, etc., in his master's tent. Let us, fellow prohibitionists, be as wise as the camel. We can not force the party leaders to do as, the minority, rule the majority—that is neither honest nor just, but let us accept the crumbs and continually ask for more and we will continually ask for more and we will get it. Don't stop asking. Don't stop agitating. Don't work for a barren theory, but work for results and see that you get them, and don't leave the republican party, because that is only "jumping out of the frying pan into the fire." Buttonhole your friends, and get them to go with you and attend the delegate elections. Work with system, and in due course of time success will attend our cause. D. B.

Philadelphia, June 20, 1889.

THE W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

This column is conducted by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of McKean Co.

Y. W. C. T. U. REUNION.

The second annual reunion of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union of McKean county convened at the W. C. T. U. headquarters at Bradford, Pa., Thursday afternoon, June 13, 1889. Miss E. May Bellows of Port Allegany, county superintendent of Y work, ably presided over the meetings.

The session opened with devotional exercises conducted by Miss Dunhaven of Eldred. Seven unions were represented by delegates, viz: Bradford, Port Allegany, Eldred, Colegrove, Kendall, Clark's Corners and DeGolier.

Mrs. Chambers, county president of the W. C. T. U., and other W's present were made delegates by vote.

From the superintendent's address giving a general view of Y work and the report of unions on the plan of work adopted at the last reunion, we gleaned the following: Eight unions are alive and at work. Although the work done has not reached our expectations, in nearly every case local difficulties had interfered with the progress and there is no cause for discouragement but on the contrary the indications point to future prosperity for the Y's of our county. Of the unions reported three deserve special mention for amount of work done, Eldred, Clark's Corners and Colegrove. Clark's Corners Y is also the banner union for greatest increase in membership. Work was reported in the following departments: Literature, juvenile work, narcotics, music, railroad work, temperance instruction, press work, flower mission work, county and state work, social purity and fair work. Several of the unions have had a library.

This was followed by a very impressive talk from Mrs. Owens, county superintendent of mother's work, and [illegible] concerning methods of temperance work among children and young people.

Here Miss Bellows explained that Miss Schock, state organizer, could not be with us as advertised because of her being in the Johnstown disaster and being rescued only after clinging to the roof of a house for fifteen hours, she was in no condition to yet leave home.

The evening session was held in the Presbyterian church, beginning at 8 o'clock. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Wakely of Clark's Corners, and the music was selected from Gospel hymns, under direction of Mrs. Hibler. Miss Myrtle Lowe gave an address, cordially welcoming the Y's of McKean county to Bradford city and its homes, and anticipating the mutual benefit to be gained from such a meeting. This was followed by the response ably rendered by Miss Wilhelmine Putnam of Colegrove. Miss Putnam is a young miss who as president of the Colegrove Y's leads the young people of that place with tact and understanding far beyond her years. Her address was remarkable for its depth of thought. It clearly showed what it signified to be a member of the Y. W. C. T. U. and appealed to the members to think more of the principles represented by the white ribbon and to lead lives consecrated to all that is pure and good. The recitation, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" was well rendered by Miss Franc Douglass of Eldred.

On Friday the young ladies with renewed energy began another day's work. The devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Putnam of Colegrove. It was decided to publish the programme to the address of welcome, in leaflet form.

Mrs. Stewart gave an address on the necessity of Y. W. C. T. Unions using the literature prepared by the W. C. T. U. Miss Houghton of Bradford, gave a select reading. Some new ideas concerning methods of work were advanced during the worker's conference led by Mrs. Wakely.

After a solo by Miss Hattie Purple and the noontide prayer, the meeting adjourned.

The final session opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Stevens of Bradford. The question box was opened and the answers given by Mrs. Stewart. This proved to be a most helpful part of the exercises. Miss Hattie Fuller of DeGolier, recited "The Last Hymn," after which Mrs. Chambers gave an address showing the relation of the Y. W. C. T. U. to the W. C. T. U., an address which served to strengthen the bond between the W's and Y's of the county, and which caused the girls to realize more than ever their relation to the grand organization of the W. C. T. U. and to resolve to better fit themselves for their work in supplementing that of the W's and to be in readiness to carry on the work so grandly begun.

After discussion it was decided to continue the reunions, the next one to be held in Port Allegany.

The Y's also decided to have a county banner and a committee was appointed to decide on the motto and to make other necessary arrangements.

The reports of the committee on plan of work and resolutions were adopted as follows:

PLAN OF WORK.

That juvenile work be taken up as soon as possible according to the plans of L. T. L.'s given by Miss Gordon; that we recommend that all Y's work for the children in their vicinity, to bring them into the day and Sabbath schools, providing clothing where necessary.

That we recommend that all unions secure the literature published for the W's and make it a study for themselves and then give or loan it to others for reading and urge them to read it.

That we urge the unions to persevere in the efforts to interest the gentlemen members in the regular lines of work.

That in all our work we remember that we are a Christian as well as a temperance union.

That the Y's take part in flower mission work, observing especially Mother Mission day, June 30th, New Year's day and Memorial day.

That Y's join their county superintendent in making the session given them at the county convention, also that will be helpful to their work and workers and that will give a better idea of the object and necessity of this organization.

That this plan of work be published and that each union supply themselves with copies to assist them in carrying on the work throughout the year.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, We recognize the overshadowing presence of our Heavenly Father in his merciful preservation of nearly all our lives; therefore be it

Resolved, That we will do all in our power by precept and example to secure a better observance of the Sabbath, and we will not yet unmindful of the divine command to observed, "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy."

Resolved, That realizing as we do that evil tongues darken and dies before light, we will endeavor reverently to study God's laws as written in the human body in order that we may be able to give truthful and pure information to the young whom God places in our care and lead them to regard the body as God's temple and lead them to regard the body as God's temple to be kept sacred from evil deeds and practices.

Resolved, That while deeply regretting the absence of Miss Schock from our midst, and greatly missing the counsel and advice she so efficiently rendered at our last reunion we join in heartiest thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for so mercifully restoring her to her people and the Y's of Pennsylvania, that she may continue her work for us and for the temperance cause throughout our land.

The reunion closed with delegates and visitors joining hands and singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

AMONG the great calamities recorded in history, the following table shows precedence in distinction from natural causes.

Year. Place.	Persons Killed.
1556—China	830,000
1737—Hooghly	300,000
1868—Syria	50,000
1556—Calicut	40,000
1822—Naples	30,000
1531—Lisbon	30,000
1693—Naples	100,000
1857—Seringapatam	100,000
1783—Calabria	5,000
1703—Aquila, Italy	300,000
1703—Yeddo, Japan	200,000
1755—The Azores	15,000
1716—Algiers	20,000
1731—Pekin	100,000
1737—Tsinan and Chinan	78,000
1754—Grand Cairo	40,000
1755—Lisbon	50,000
1756—Aleppo	20,000
1797—Country between Santa Fe and Lima	40,000
1805—Quito	10,000
1805—Teheran, Persia	10,000
1806—Towns in Peru and Ecuador	25,000
1875—San Jose de Cucuta, Columbia	14,000

The above list of losses was caused mainly by earthquakes. The historic floods were as follows:

Year. Place.	Persons Killed.
1871—China	50,000
1874—Hill River, Mass	150
1878—Egypt, the Nile	220
1874—Murcia, Spain	1,000
1887—Yellow River, China	220,000

THE veterans are very much pleased with the action of the president in authorizing a modification of the civil service rules so as to allow this reinstatement, without examination, of any veteran dismissed from the classified service. This affects all discharged employes of the government, that are veterans, during the first three years of Cleveland's administration. The action of the president in this matter is generally approved of as it will enable hundreds of deserving men to get the places back that the democrats unjustly deprived them of. The president took a long time to consider this question because he is opposed to the idea of making a class of privileged office holders and was somewhat afraid that the precedent so set might at some time be used to public detriment. But he finally decided that justice to the veterans demanded the action and that the men who fought to preserve the government are entitled to everything in the shape of privileges that can be given them.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
CENSUS OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C. May 1, 1889.

To the Medical Profession:

The various medical associations and the medical profession will be glad to learn that Dr. John S. Billings, surgeon U. S. Army, has consented to take charge of the report on the mortality and vital statistics of the United States as returned by the eleventh census.

As the United States has no system of registration of vital statistics, such as is relied upon by other civilized nations for the purpose of ascertaining the actual movement of population, our census must [illegible] an approximate estimate of the birth and death rates of much the larger part of the country, which is entirely unprovided with any satisfactory system of state and municipal registration.

In view of this, the census office, during the month of May this year, will issue to the medical profession throughout the country "physician's registers" for the purpose of obtaining more accurate returns of deaths than it is possible for the enumerators to make. It is earnestly hoped that physicians in every part of the country will co-operate with the census office in this important work. The record should be kept from June 1, 1889, to May 31, 1890. Nearly 25,000 of these registration books were filled up and returned to the office in 1880, and nearly all of them used for statistical purposes. It is hoped that double this number will be obtained for the eleventh census.

Physicians not receiving registers can obtain them by sending their names and addresses to the census office, and, with the register, on official envelope which requires no stamp will be provided for their return to Washington.

If all medical and surgical practitioners throughout the country will lend their aid, the mortality and vital statistics of the eleventh census will be more comprehensive and complete than they have ever been. Every physician should take a personal pride in having this report as full and accurate as it is possible to make it.

It is hereby promised that all information obtained through this source shall be held strictly confidential.

ROBERT P. PORTER,
Superintendent of Census.

Notice of Dissolution.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE United Lumber Company, Limited, has been dissolved by the unanimous resolution of said company, and all business of the same will be wound up and closed. All persons having any claims against said United Lumber Company, Limited, are requested to present them for adjustment to J. J. Newman, Bradford, N. Y., or to Sheridan Gordon, attorney, Smethport, Pa.

P. H. GOODYEAR, Chairman.
J. J. NEWMAN, Secretary.

June 28, 1889-4t.

Incorporation Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to Hon. T. A. Morrison, Additional Law Judge of the 25th Judicial District, on Wednesday, July 17, A. D. 1889, at 10 o'clock p. m. under the Act of General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled, "An Act to provide for the incorporation of certain companies, approved the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the incorporation of "The Smethport Odd Fellow Hall Association," for the purpose of the building and maintaining a hall for the use of Odd Fellows and other societies.

J. J. ISAAC,
H. M. CHOATE,
E. W. RUBIN.

Smethport, Pa., June 21, 1889-3t.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

—OF—

Smethport School District.

For the Year Ending June, 1889.

C. R. HINE, Treasurer, and others in account with Smethport School District.

Cr.

By paid and took up old bonds Nos. 61, 62 and 63	$ 500 00	
By paid interest on same and for coupons	115 00	
By paid orders drawn on bond funds	2,623 83	
	$3,035 78	
By Trens Com. at 2 per cent	60 71	$3,105 01
By paid orders drawn on school funds	$3,222 31	
By Trens. Com. at 2 per cent	64 57	3,286 88
By balance due from Treas. Hine	5 22	
By balance due from ex-Col. Smith	17 27	
By bal. due from ex-Treas. Gifford	07	
By bal. due from ex-Col. Quinlisk	77 33	
		04 89
		$6,494 61

Dr.

To bal. due from ex-Col. Smith last audit	$ 67 27	
Amount paid by him to Treas Hine	50 00	$ 50 00
Balance unpaid	$ 17 27	17 27
To bal due from ex-Treas. Gifford, last audit	5 93	
Amount paid by him to Treas. Hine	5 81	5 81
Balance unpaid	07	07
To dup. 1889 to Col'r Quinlisk School, 16 mills	2,770 49	
Bond, 4 mills	665 04	
To 3 per cent. added to $433.46 of dup. after 6 months	22 07	
	$3,433 20	
Minus amount paid to Treas. Hine	$3,105 01	3,105 01
Minus 6 per cent dis. allowed on $2,204.45	119 27	
Minus 3 per cent. com. to col. on $2,236.19	45 32	
Minus 5 per cent. com. to col. on $1,011.63	50 65	
Minus exonerations allowed	59 72	
	$3,380 97	
Bal. due from Col. Quinlisk	77 33	77 33
To proceeds of sale of bonds 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5		2,500 00
To amount rec'd as tax from County Treasurer		220 81
To state appropriation		205 56
" tuition fees from W. F. Sherr		112 88
To proceeds sale of outhouse		8 00
		$6,494 61

To balances brot down, King $3.22, Smith $11.27, Gifford $0 07, Quinlisk $77.33 — $94 89

RESOURCES. $94 89

The above balance

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders	$ 377 00
Outstanding bonds 23, 24, 33, 34 and 35	500 00
Outstanding bonds 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	2,500 00

And now, June 20, 1889, having examined the accounts and vouchers of C. R. King, Treasurer, and others above named, we find and report balances due as above set forth.

J. W. McCARTY, } Auditors.
JOHN FONNER, }

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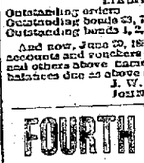

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6-21-tf

Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions, at Smethport, Pa., on the 9th day of July, A. D. 1889, for the transfer of the certain license to keep a hotel, known as the City House, situate on the south side of Main street, in the first ward of the city of Bradford, as Nos. 103 and 105, granted to E. J. Wyman, of the city and ward of Bradford and City of Bradford county, Pa., on the 27th day of May, A. D. 1889, to commence in force and effect on June 24, A. D. 1889, from the present holder, A. L. Wyman to James Madden, hotel clerk, and Thomas Backer, wholesale delicacy clerk, both of the first ward of Bradford, McKean county, Pa.

MCSWEENEY & BYARS,
Att'y's for Petitioners.

6-14-3w.

Administrator's sale of Real Estate.

THE UNDERSIGNED, ADMINISTRATOR of the estate of Michael McElwee, deceased, late of the township of Keating, will sell at public sale on Monday, the eighth day of July, 1889, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the premises, the following real estate belonging to the estate of the said decedent, situate in the township of Keating, and bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a beech the southwest corner of lot No. 16 of the allotment of the Bingham lands in said township of Keating; thence north 89½ degrees west, seventy-three and four tenths rods more or less to the southeast corner of lot No. 19; thence by line of said lot No. 19 and of lot No. 17, north 8½ degrees, east one hundred and fifty-five and two-tenths rods, more or less, to the southeast corner of lot No. 10 being the southwest corner of lot No. 17; thence by line of lot No. 10 south 87½ degrees, east seventy-three and three-tenths rods, more or less, to the northwest corner of lot No. 16; thence south 2½ degrees west by line of lot No. 16 one hundred and forty-six rods more or less to the place of beginning. Containing sixty-two and three-tenths acres of land with the usual allowance of six per cent for roads, &c. Being lot No. 10 of the Bingham allotment aforesaid and part of warrant No. 3055, having thereon a frame house and barn and orchard.

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WILLIAM H. HAMLIN,
Administrator.

June 13, 1889-3t.

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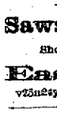

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DINING ROOM.

Eight-foot extension table, any wood, $10; six high-backed antique oak or cherry chairs, $6; sideboard, oak or cherry, bevelled mirror, one drawer lined for silver, $25. Total $64.

LIVING ROOM AND LIBRARY.

Writing desk and book case combined, $26; Turkish lounge, $8; large upholstered easy chair, $15; library table, $6; bracket, $3; two plush cushions and back, $7; solid all-wood rocker, $3.50; reception chair, $3.50. Total $74.

KITCHEN.

Kitchen table with drawer, $1.50; two kitchen chairs, $1. Total, $2.50.

HALL.

Hat rack, oak or cherry with beveled mirror $15; hall chair, high back, solid oak, $1.75. Total, $16.75.

GUEST CHAMBER.

Chamber suite, walnut, cherry or oak, four pieces, bedstead, bureau, washstand and towel rack, with woven wire springs, three mattresses with tinned ice box, and a pair of best live geese feather pillows, $46.50; hanging cabinet and pair of the best of live geese feather pillows, $20.50; easy rocker, any wood, $3.50; two chairs, $3.50. Total, $93.50.

FAMILY CHAMBER.

Chamber suite, walnut, cherry or oak, four pieces, bedstead, bureau, washstand and towel rack, woven wire springs, hair mattress and pair of the best of live geese feather pillows, $20.50; easy rocker, any wood, $3.50; two chairs, $3.50. Total, $93.50.

SERVANT'S ROOM.

Bedstead, all hard wood, spring bed, mattress and pillow, $6.75; bureau, $6; washstand, $2; rocker, 1; cane seat chair, $1; mirror, $1. Total, $16.75.

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Smethport, Pa., June 28, 1889.

EDITORS. Local Editor.

LOCAL AND HUMOROUS.

[illegible] to decorate.

[illegible] run of last Friday was rather [illegible]

[illegible] everybody's duty to decorate on the Fourth of July

[illegible] Jewett has been appointed postmaster at Custer City

[illegible] to Smethport and see the elephant [illegible] pendance day.

[illegible] correspondence was unavoidably left out of this issue.

The W. N. Y. & P. railroad officials [illegible] this place last Tuesday.

[illegible] sheets now disport themselves in the sort of the briny deep

[illegible] lot of gipsys camped in this [illegible] hood the latter part of last week.

[illegible] Wortner, agent for the W. N. Y. & P. railroad in this happy father of a [illegible]

[illegible] property has been damaged by the arrival of dogs deposited on it by the flood

[illegible] new walk on East Main street, [illegible] the Byron property is a blessing indeed

[illegible] D. M. Gallatin's has removed a [illegible] tally tall weeds and grass around [illegible] house grounds.

[illegible] York's great show at Smethport [illegible] Uncle Tom's Cabin and Little Eva Co. [illegible] July 4th afternoon and evening.

[illegible] new residence of W. H. Slaught, [illegible] Main street, adds to the handsome appearance of that part of the town.

[illegible] Wilson of the *Democrat*, is [illegible] doing some improvements to his [illegible] office and the postoffice department.

[illegible] Wm. Stores, of Hinsdale N. Y., will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church in this place, next Sunday, morning and evening.

A number of the citizens of Bradford are making extensive excavation. They have applied to the Council this week to [illegible] such excavations.

One of the Pleasantview's that this community can be obtained at the store of Mrs. A. Backus, on the eastern [illegible] of the town hill.

Many young people died from the [illegible] on of the week last Sunday. [illegible] trembled in the hillside woods, and [illegible] what I meadows.

We are in receipt of a beautiful song [illegible] the Torrents came upon them, [illegible] Johnstown Disaster," published by [illegible] and Sons Co., Chicago.

[illegible] *Era* says that the high white [illegible] are in favor this season. New York [illegible] have sworn off on white or gray [illegible] shoes, and stick to black altogether.

Frank Freeman, for the high-heid [illegible] romance, the plot of which is [illegible] in this section will be found entertaining. It is published on the sidehide of [illegible]

If one were to judge by gossip, every [illegible] must be the occasion of a big [illegible] ented by Bradford this season — after [illegible] Bradford and New Yorkers. Low [illegible] applies, swim.

Whitney's "Merry Makers" sustained [illegible] reputation as first-class performers, on Friday and Saturday evenings. They [illegible] "Woman Against Woman," and "A Tom Girl" to good houses.

We are informed that E. Thum, the [illegible] clothier and merchant tailorer, is [illegible] to move his business to Main [illegible] this place. He will occupy the [illegible] vacated by Henry Wesch [illegible] tailor.

[illegible] will be pleased to learn that [illegible] is now lighted by electricity. [illegible] how long the new process. The [illegible] was very slow and the sooner [illegible] over the sooner it is done [illegible] Wellsboro *Gazette*.

[illegible] Wright, of the Wright [illegible] may well be proud of his success [illegible] natural. We had the pleasure [illegible] our eyes on some strawberries [illegible] day from his garden, the measure [illegible] him for one inch and a half.

[illegible] roll so commonly used to [illegible] Mentel cheese, chewing gum, [illegible] of candy and all kinds of [illegible] to be dangerous [illegible] of it lead in it. Its use for [illegible] article of food has been forbidden in France.—*Scientific American.*

[illegible] of the Smethport MINER [illegible] is candidate for [illegible] nor and if the Republicans [illegible] of McKean county have any gratitude [illegible] and for enduring work in behalf [illegible] party and party, they will see to it [illegible] is nominated and elected.—*Warren Mirror.*

We find the following [illegible] some research into the [illegible] McKean county history, that [illegible] as much general legal business was [illegible] in the courts of the county [illegible] the years of '75 and '76 as there was [illegible] forty-seven years previous to [illegible] It is needless to say that the old [illegible] must account for the fact.

It is reported that Julius Lucas [illegible] Eddie in fifteen days. But [illegible] was beat in at Salisbury lately when [illegible] of hedge 1,000 feet in length and [illegible] at fearing hooked brakes, was [illegible] with the sanguinary arena in less than [illegible] hour. Four hundred men were employed [illegible] day and night in the construction. Warren *Herald*

[illegible] April magazines, taken of gum [illegible] a piece about one-third the size of an [illegible] and comparable it by placing [illegible] in your mouth and nothing it over a [illegible] fire until it does not ignite. [illegible] make will soon fill the room and [illegible] quarters, and they will not [illegible] through the windows should [illegible] escape all right.

Dr. [illegible] Small of Sedalia, Mo., recently [illegible] a dog by any man $500, who [illegible] a mad dog he had captured. [illegible] him with a train to the doctor's [illegible] and after several applicants [illegible] forward one tried his hand his arm [illegible] holding a piece out of it, dying [illegible] immediately of hydrophobia. The medicine was applied with apparent success, as the man was still alive at last reports.

Great men have occasionally perpetrated puns in their 5-flow moments, [illegible] some few ordinary individuals [illegible] the great pretend. Edmund Burke [illegible] said to be quite a punster. A tradesman [illegible] pressing him to discharge a [illegible] bill, which he did not pay the principal, [illegible] said in earnest "Sir," was the [illegible] reply, "I may principal to pay the [illegible] or my interest to pay the principal."

—It should be remembered by the citizens of the town, that much of the success of the Independence day celebration depends upon them. They should intelligently decorate their houses, and so assist in making the town present as handsome an appearance as possible. It must also be remembered that there will be thousands of people in Smethport on this day, and means must be provided to feed the hungry multitude.

—A shrewd young business man of this place was recently persuaded by a confederate printer to do a little advertising. He started in with a few local notices and stobe the first issue of the's paper containing them, the aforesaid shrewd young business man has been very particular about their appearance. If an item is omitted he gets into those kind of fits that old farmer squeelunk's selling hen is troubled with, when she is off her favorite nest. Moral—"Experience is the best teacher."

—A free-for-all fight occurred at East Smethport last Wednesday evening, in which a man by the name of Richard Welch drew a revover and fired at John McCarty of this place. McCarty escaped injury and took refuge in the postoffice, whence he was followed by Welch who still flourished the shooting-iron. Welch was captured at this point, by Postmaster Tracy and others, and was subsequently given a hearing before Squire Allen. As bail was not furnished, he was lodged in the county jail, to await trial.

—Dogs are believed to feed on human flesh in some instances. There is a tradition that comes down from the war times of American Independence, that substantiates the theory. After the battles of the Revolutionary war, many bodies were destroyed by wolves, when there were scant means at hand for burying the slain. Most hydrophobia prevailed among the wolves, and they were so bold in the chase sparsely settled districts that they often fought with the settlers dogs. Hydrophobia was of course communicated, with an appetite for human flesh, among the dogs, until it became a regular epedimic.

—A Nebraska paper narrates this edifying incident. A high school girl, class A, being told by her teacher to parse the sentence "He kissed me," consented reluctantly, because opposed to speaking of private affairs in public. "He," she commenced, with unnecessary emphasis and a fond lingering over the word that brought crimson to her cheeks, "is a pronoun, third person singular number, masculine gender, a gentleman pretty well fixed, I universally considered a good catch. Kissed is a verb, transitive —too much so, regular—every evening, indicative mood — and caring affection first and third person, plural number and governed by circumstances. Me—oh, every body knows me," and down she went.

—Frank P. Hoover, a young man of rare qualities, who till within the past year resided with his parents in East Smethport, met with a sad fate last Wednesday, at Lopez, Sullivan county, where he was employed in a lumbering establishment as setter. Hoover, who commanded big wages, being an experienced and skilled workman, was on duty at the time of the accident. He was standing in a narrow passage-way near a partition, in the mill, when a log was thrown upon him from the carriage, bearing him to the floor and crushing his skull. Had there been room in the passage-way to jump aside, death would probably have not claimed this exemplary young man, and hosts of friends, both in this place and Lopez, would not have mourned his untimely demise. The remains were brought to Smethport last Saturday and were interred in Rose Hill cemetery on Sunday. The Knights of the Maccabees, of which order he was a respected member, from Emporium, Keating summit, Liberty and Port Allegany came here by special train and escorted the remains to their last resting place. The beautiful burial service of the order were used. Past Commander Gerwick, of Port Allegany acting as master of ceremonies.

PERSONAL MENTION

We would deem it a favor if those having items to contribute to this department would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

G. R. Brownell visited Bardford last Wednesday

Dr. W. M. Rinn and wife of Port Allegany, were in town Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Braisted returned from their wedding tour last Monday evening

Peanut John the big confectioner and tropical fruit dealer visited Bradford last Wednesday.

Miss Myrtle Tolle, of Oil City, is visiting at the residence of A. E. DeLong in East Smethport

George Smith and wife of this place returned from their matrimonial trip to Olean, last Wednesday

J. R. Fodee, of a prominent New York hardware firm, was visiting with friends in this place, on Sunday last.

Deputy Prothonotary Brawley, Dr. Sprague and Dr. Pierce are on a fishing trip in Potter county this week.

Rev. J. H. McCandless departed for New York last Monday, intending to sail on the following Wednesday, in company with his friends, for Europe.

John Reilly and George Backus, two well known young gentlemen of this place, returned from Rochester, last week, where they have been attending the business university. They are well pleased with the institution.

Hon. S. A. Backus, of this place, informs us that if he lives till the 14th day of next month, he will have arrived at the very venerable age of 70 years. There is probably no man in McKean county to-day who can entertain one with more interesting reminiscences than Mr. Backus.

FRESH Marblehead lime always on hand, also cement, plaster, hair and brick, etc., at A. Reilly's.

GOLD and silver watches and all kinds of jewelry at M. Rosenfield's.

A Rattlesnake Story "whipped in The Head."

An enormous rattlesnake was reported to have been seen in East Smethport last Tuesday, about noon, by E. E. DeLong, an employee of the W. N. Y. & P. railroad. He claimed that the snake was in the act of swallowing a toad, when discovered and by the time he had procured a club it had escaped by crawling under a sidewalk. It was later reported that Z. W. Georgia, of that place had destroyed the monster, and had removed patched the monster, and had removed eight rattles from its tail. A representative of the MINER in company with a gentleman whose curiosity was aroused, determined upon seeing the remains of his venomous forbidship, as that species of reptile had not been seen in this locality for many years. They went to the scene of the execution radient with hope, but found in the place of a deadly rattler, a snake of piebald descent. Thus blighted, reader, you are not subjected to the task of perusing a column of scientific research, and an error in a history of the county that is being prepared, has been avoided.

The Coming Event Casts Its Shadow Before.

The small boy is already putting in his supply of combustibles, and the citizens of the town are making preparations in every way for a glorious time. There is every reason to believe that the Fourth of July, 1889, will be day unparalelled in the history of Smethport.

The hose company and other organizations and the citizens of this place, deserve great praise for their sturdy efforts in making preparations for the reception of the multitude. Reduced rates have been arranged on the W. N. Y. & P. railroad for the benefit of visitors. A special train has also been secured to connect with Nos. 1 and 4, at Larrabee, in order to give the people of Emporium, Port Allegany and other points, an opportunity to arrive at 7:30 a. m. and depart for their homes at 7:30 p. m.

A grand procession of 3,000 men will parade the principal streets of the town and this combined with hose and bicycle racing, music of renowned bands, balloon exhibition, a base ball game, five hundred dollars' worth of fire works, a ball in the evening, and many other attractions, will make up a day at the county seat, that our neighbors cannot afford to miss.

Hurrah for American pageantry

If you want good mortar, use the Marblehead lime 5-17-2m

THE finest line of ladies and children's shoes in town at M. Rosenfield's.

RULES

Governing Caucuses, Adopted by the Republican Party of McKean County.

1. Republican caucuses shall be held at the regular polling places in each election district on the day fixed by the Republican county committee, and shall be opened at 6 o'clock, p. m., of said day and kept open at least two hours, and no longer; and said caucus shall not be commenced to ballot except by vote that the caucus shall be kept open longer than the two hours named, if so decided by a majority present; but no ballot shall be taken after the caucus shall be declared closed, and no person shall be allowed to vote at such caucus who shall not have been present at the opening thereof, unless he shall be prevented by sickness or absence from the county.

2. Each caucus shall be presided over by a chairman and a secretary, who shall be elected by the electors present, and in case of the absence of the chairman or secretary, or both, the electors present shall elect a chairman or secretary, or both, pro tem.

3. Each caucus shall be conducted by the members of the county committee, if present, and if not, by some other person called to order by the said electors present; and said caucus shall determine the basis of representation of the several townships and districts of the county, and shall be governed by the provisions of the rules of the Republican

RHEUMATISM AND NEURALGIA

Palme Celery Compound has been a God-send to me. For the past two years I have suffered with neuralgia of the heart, caused from the use of tobacco. I have been taking the only known remedy at the time, which did me no good. I was induced to try Palme's Celery Compound, and after using three bottles I am entirely cured. I feel very grateful to you. (Mrs. H. Lewis, Central Village, Ct.

Paine's Celery Compound

I have been greatly afflicted with rheumatism, and could find no relief until I used Palme's Celery Compound. After taking the first bottle I was able to leave my bed, and after using three bottles I was entirely cured. I feel very grateful to you. (Mrs. H. Lewis, Central Village, Ct.

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What's the use of suffering longer with rheumatism or neuralgia?

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MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

No. 66 Main St., Bradford. Pa.

ATTENTION!

I wish to say a few words to my friends and customers. After many years of pleasant dealings with the people of Smethport and vicinity, I deem it my duty to inform them that I am at all times prepared to

MEET COMPETITION

in a business way and on

BUSINESS PRINCIPLES!

I have as many ways improved my business as I am constantly

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so as to make it the leading and reliable Clothing and

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—OF McKEAN COUNTY.—

I can be found in my store and at all times pleased to see my old and new customers, where they may rely on

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All I want is a call and I will convince you it is to your interest to deal with

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and not with temporary dealers or dealers who start in business for a few days, trying to make the public believe they are here to stay, and can save your money by buying of them. It is not so for I am aware each and every one of my customers and I can prove to them that I have the

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and I not simply a trap to get you to buy. Soliciting a call I am yours truly,

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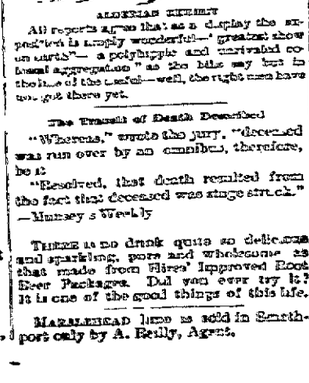

Between Four Walls.

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never. He hid his face on her arm, feeling curiously tired and sick. He sat quite still for some time, and when he rose his head his blue eyes were a little misty, and his lips were trembling.

Now if any one had had leisure to think of the weather this morning, they would have noticed that the wind had changed during the night and that it was blowing rapidly. Carruthers' attention was drawn to this fact by a stray sunbeam shining on the opposite wall, and it straightened his already half formed resolution.

Poor little soul! he muttered, as the girl's great despairing eyes seemed again to look into his. Well—her heart shall not break if I can help it.

He rose crossed the hall and entered the second room. Darrell was lying quite still, seeming, so breath with painful difficulty. His eyes were closed, but he opened them as Carruthers came to his bedside. The latter bent over him, and moistened his lips with brandy. Darrell thanked him with a look. He was past speaking now. Carruthers remembered his fire and went slowly out of the room that he got on his boots, wrapped himself in his overcoat and provided himself with a stout walking stick. As he passed the door of Leslie's room he paused, listening, he heard a sound of stifled sobbing. But as he moved away the door opened and the girl came out. Her eyes were swollen and she was very pale but on seeing Carruthers she flushed up suddenly. He took her hands in his and drew her gently into the sitting room.

I am going to Princetown to get a doctor, he said very quietly. It is blowing rapidly so I dare say I shall manage very well. Shall you be afraid to be left alone—until I return?

No—no, she answered with a little sob. Oh Mr Carruthers forgive me for my hasty words—forget all I said—I did not——

My dear, he said unsteadily, I have nothing to forgive.

She hesitated a moment, then she said with earnest troubled eyes raised to his.

May I—may I take care of him till you come back? He—he might die there all alone. And eagerly, you need not be afraid of infection for me. I had diphtheria once long ago. And I was with my cousin when she died, and I never took it. There was a pathetic quivering of the tender little mouth that was almost too much for Carruthers. He passed his hand wearily over his forehead.

It is an awful risk for you, he said in a harassed kind of voice. But—I must go—it is the only chance for the dear old fellow, and as you say, he ought not to be left alone. I hope I shall only be away a few hours at furthest but if I should not get back before dark, will you light the little Lantern and put it in the loft window. I don't know that there is much you can do for Darrell, he went on with a half break in his voice, except give him a spoonful of brandy from time to time, if you can get him to take it. There isn't much, but I will bring some back with me. And—keep away from him as much as you can there is no use running any needless risk. He tried to look and speak as usual but he did not succeed very well.

Leslie looked at him anxiously.

You are not ill too are you? she said.

Oh no, he answered in a quiet voice. Now good by for a few hours. No, don't come to the door, it is too cold for you.

As he spoke he pulled his tweed cap well over his forehead and buttoned his coat up to his neck.

God bless you my darling, he murmured under his breath, as he turned away. Then he gazed out into the chill air of the winter morning. He had rather the wind had been a little less keen, for his head ached, and his throat felt abominably stiff and sore. But he pulled himself together, and plunged away through the snowdrifts the first of which took him up to his waist and the next nearly to his neck. However a hundred yards or so from the house walking became less difficult the snow hard reaching his knees.

After a few minutes hesitation Leslie opened the door of the room where Darrell lay and went in. It was no time to think of conventionalities the poor child reflected feverishly. He was ill—alone—perhaps dying and there a rush of crimson stained her cheeks) she loved him. She had almost loved him before she knew him—this hitherto unknown hero who had saved Uncle James life—and his grave tender, chivalrous thought and care for her had done the rest. She knew now why the past few days had seemed so strangely happy to her and why the possibility of his illness ending fatally filled her with such a terrified, dreary sense of desolation.

He opened his eyes languidly as the door opened and a dark flush rose to his face when he saw who his visitor was. His lips moved but soundlessly, and he made a weak gesture as though to motion her away from him.

Hush! you must not try to talk, she said very calmly and steadily. I am going to take care of you until Mr Carruthers comes back. He has gone to Princetown for a doctor. The snow is rapidly melting and it has begun to rain, so he will not be very long away. You need not fear infection for me, she added noting the distressed anxiety in his eyes. I have nursed people with diphtheria before and never taken it. Then she moistened his lips with brandy shook up his pillows and gently sponged his face and hands. He was too weak to gainsay her, indeed, he appeared to grow momentarily weaker, his breath came in short, quick gasps and after a time he hardly seemed to notice that she was in the room.

With a choking sob she went back to the sitting room. There was nothing she could do—nothing. Only wait. Almost mechanically she cleared the breakfast table, and turned her attention to the fire, which had burned rather low. Carruthers would be cold and wet when he came back, she remembered. When he came back? Would he get back in time? Could he? She absently crumpled up a piece of an old newspaper, and was about to thrust it between the bars of the grate, to coax the dying fire, when a few of the printed words caught her attention. Smoothing out the paper, she hastily scanned the paragraph, which ran thus:

"The value of common flowers of sulphur in cases of malignant sore throat is becoming daily more fully recognized by the medical faculty. Even in the last stage of diphtheria, when used as a gargle, or in extreme cases—where the patient is unable to gargle—sprayed upon the throat, it has been known to eat away the false membrane which is the peculiar characteristic of this disease, and give speedy relief." Then followed directions as to use, etc.

Leslie dropped the paper, and rose quickly to her feet. She stood quite still for a minute or two, pressing her hands to the sides of her head in confused, anxious thought. Where had she seen a little paper packet labeled "Flowers of Sulphur?" In another moment she was in the kitchen, wildly rummaging in the drawers. After searching in vain for some time, she suddenly, and with a quick little cry, pounced upon a small crushed up paper packet at the back of one of the shelves. It was labeled "Flowers of Sulphur." There was not much, but there was enough. She put a teaspoonful in a wineglass, and filled it up with water, for milk she had none. The sulphur obstinately floated on the top, of course, so she mixed it after a fashion with her finger. Then she went back to Darrell. He shook his head when she explained to him what she wanted him to do. He was feeling too horribly weak to desire anything but to be left alone.

"But see," she pleaded, "I don't want you even to try to swallow it. Just hold it in your mouth, and let it lie on your throat only for a few seconds. I will lift your head. Ah! will you not try—just to please me?"

Her eyes were full of tears, and Darrell seeing them—and because he loved her so he could have refused her nothing—did as she bade him, not once, but many times. Without going into further medical details, I may say that the remedy had the desired effect. In the course of a few hours he was able to speak, though only in a whisper and in another hour could swallow a little soup. This last was painful to him beyond expression but he would not for world have grieved his gentle nurse by saying so. He asked anxiously once or twice if Carruthers had returned and Leslie went again and again to the outer door to see if there was any sign of him. But all was still, save for the drip of the fast melting snow from the roof and the surrounding out houses.

The day wore on and died, and still Carruthers did not come back. Leslie lit the little lantern and placed it in the loft window. Then she made herself a cup of coffee for she had tasted nothing since breakfast time.

I am horribly anxious about you Darrell murmured restlessly when he had watched her light the candle, sweep up the hearth, and prepare to nurture him with more sulphur. I ought not to allow you to come near me, but——

But you can't help yourself, you see, she said with a most rubicund little attempt at gayety, as she lifted his head on her arm.

Dear little child! he whispered, looking up at her with a sad tenderness in his sunken eyes. How can I thank you for all you have done for me? If I get well—I shall owe my life to you!

Leslie laid his head gently back on the pillows again. Then quite suddenly, she burst into tears and ran out of the room. Darrell thought she was anxious about Carruthers' safety, and he turned over and hid his face on his arm with a weary sigh. For himself he didn't much care just then whether he got well or whether he didn't. Indeed if he had had any choice he would probably have preferred the latter being weak to wretchedness and woefully heart sick besides.

Eight o'clock—nine—ten. Still Carruthers did not come. Leslie fancied Darrell's voice and pulse had grown perceptibly weaker though after the first application of cold hair, his breathing had been much easier, and he could swallow liquids with less difficulty. But the girl knew that now more than ever, it was of the last importance that he should have constant nourishment. And, alas! she had given him the last of the brandy an hour ago. She had no more soup for him either the little jar of Liebig was empty. As the hours went on a kind of sick despair came over her—a terrible sense of her own impotence.

About midnight she opened the front door and looked out. It was a dark, starless night and raining heavily. But no sound of footsteps or voices came through the darkness. She closed the door with a sinking heart and went back to Darrell's room again. Her childish face, white and set and hopeless. For she had lit all hope now. He was lying quite still—so still that Leslie felt her heart almost stop beating. Had the end come so soon? She knelt beside the bed in an abandonment of grief and terror, and gazed wildly into the sick man's changed, haggard face—the face that in those few short days had become so inexpressibly dear to her.

He did not breathe.

Oh my dear, my dear, she cried, have you left me then—and I love you so—I love you so!" And she hid her face in her hands in a tearless agony of sobs.

Darrell's voice made her start violently. His eyes were open and shone with an infinite love and tenderness.

"Leslie" he murmured indistinctly as she seized his hand and (hardly knowing what she did poor child, in her passionate relief) held it to her lips. Leslie—my dear little one—it is—too—late—His voice died away his eyes closed.

Lancelot she shrieked, in a paroxysm of mingled grief and uncontrollable physical fear. Speak to me—just one word!

Heed her answer. She laid her little hand on his heart. It was still.

Then she knew that he would never speak to her again.

She could not cry and was conscious of a vague wonder that she could not. Trembling in every limb she crept back close to the bed her eyes fastened on the worn still face of which she already felt a name less fear. And yet she dared not get out of the room. A nervous horror of she knew not what possessed her, and froze her blood. Darrell's watch lay on the dressing table its loud ticking was distinctly audible through the stillness. The rain swept at intervals against the windows. The candle burnt down in its socket. The kitchen clock struck 1 and the sound seemed to echo eerily through the silent house.

She crouched close to the bed

All at once there was a sound of voices and trampling feet outside—the noise of an opening door—a hurried exclamation—and the next moment Carruthers was in the room, followed by a dark, keen eyed, elderly man, who went at once to Darrell's bedside.

Is he alive? exclaimed Gilbert, hoarsely, "or are we too late?"

Leslie who had risen slowly to her feet, looked at him with stony, tearless eyes.

"You are too late" she moaned drearily. Too late—too late."

"Nothing of the kind," broke in the doctor's kindly voice. He'll do yet. Give me the brandy, Mr. Carruthers, and tell your man to heat some water. We'll bring him round, please God."

And they did bring him round. He had a splendid constitution, and he rallied wonderfully.

But Carruthers, who had shown powers of endurance almost superhuman in the face of the pain and weakness he had sternly combated for so many hours, now gave in suddenly and utterly; for the fell disease which already had him so firmly in its grasp would be held at bay no longer. By the next morning he was unable to speak, and almost before they realized that he was in danger, he was beyond all human help. He bade no farewell to the girl he loved, or the man whose life he had saved, but passed almost imperceptibly from a heavy dream like stupor into death itself.

As for Leslie, she did not even know the poor fellow was all until he had been dead some hours, for when she heard that Darrell still lived and that he was out of immediate danger, she crept away to her own room and lay down on her bed, utterly worn out and exhausted. And so the doctor forbade her entering the sick room again, she consented to take the sleeping draught he prepared for her, and slept soundly and dreamlessly for many hours. And for that sleep she never quite forgave herself. She felt certain she could have saved the one life as she had saved the other.

She went home that same afternoon—the afternoon of Carruthers' death, I mean—escorted by Wellings: and Aunt Priscilla, who had been mourning her as dead, received her with tears of joy. When Miss Carlyon heard her niece's story she insisted that Capt. Darrell should be removed to The Grange with as little delay as possible, where she nursed him into convalescence herself, assisted after a time, by Leslie.

Carruthers' death was a terrible blow to Darrell. He went abroad as soon as he was strong enough, and remained away for a year. But he carried with him Leslie Heath's promise that at the end of that year she would become Leslie Darrell.

And she kept her word.

They are exceptionally happy both in themselves and in their children, the eldest of whom bears the name of the brave fellow whose memory will always live undimmed and unforgotten, in both their hearts.

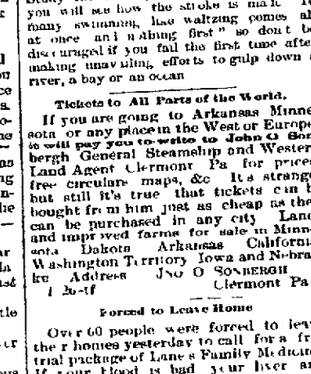
And the memory is a very sad one.

THE END.

LEARNING TO SWIM

Some of the Difficulties of the Art Explained for Beginners.

Some people take to water as naturally as a duck does, while with others it takes some time to master the swimming stroke. The great difficulty with beginners is not in the



THE BREAST STROKE.

use of the arms but in the use of the legs. It is natural for every one to paddle with the arms in the water and this paddling motion is all that is necessary although there are of course different degrees of grace displayed. But the difficulty is in the legs. When a novice is learning to swim he first strikes out with his arms and then follows with a spasmodic kick with the legs at the same time swallowing large mouthfuls of water as if he would get rid of it by swallowing it.

Now the cause of this is that at the start his legs are not known up close to his body. He is so afraid of sinking that he doesn't dare to keep still long enough to draw them up, and yet this is the natural way to be done. Then when he does kick he kicks like a mule straight out. If he is against the water with the flat soles of his feet whereas he should push against it with the toes. Try this motion out of the water by standing on one foot and kicking with the other back from you until you feel it. Now draw that very same foot back keeping your toe as far back as well pushing it out so that the line from your knee to the tip of your toe will be as straight as it can be made.

Now kick but make no motion from back to front and at the same time cut from the side as if you will strike out with the sole of your foot but with the instep. By studying the physiology of this motion it will be found why the whole front of the leg and especially the web part of the foot is such a valuable assistant in propelling the body. Perhaps a better illustration of this movement is in swimming on the back. Lying flat on the water you draw up your legs and while they are drawn up push the toes down as far as possible. Then in making the stroke you describe a semi circle outward and upward toward the surface of the water. Study the accompanying illustration and you will see how the stroke is made. To many swimming, how waltzing comes all at once and "nothing first" so don't be discouraged if you fail the first time after making unavailing efforts to gulp down a river, a bay or an ocean.

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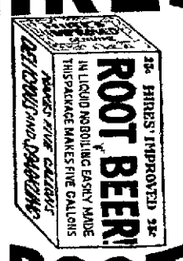

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NORTH AND WEST—BUFFALO DIVISION—SOUTH AND EAST

P m	p m	a m			a m	p m	p m
7 00	1 15	8 55	Ar	Buffalo	Lv	4	10
6 16	12 30	7 50		East Aurora		5	11
5 57	12 05	7 31		Chaffee		5	11
5 20	11 30	7 11		Arcade		6	12
4 55	11 05	6 45		Franklinville		6	12
4 33	10 45	6 15		Ellicottville		7	1
4 00	10 15	6 00		Olean		7	1
3 45	9 55	5 45	Lv	Bradford	Ar	8	2
2 15	8 15		Ar	Bradford	Lv	11	4
7 30	1 10		Lv	Bradford	Ar	11	4

p m	a m			a m	p m
		Lv	Portage		
3 40	10 45		Eldred		
4 10	11 10		Laurelton		
5 30	1 40		Port Allegany		
7 50	4 25		Emporium		
p m	a m	Lv		Ar	p m

KAUFMAN, Pres., June 23, 1888.

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WESTWARD				EASTWARD		
p m	p m	a m	STATIONS	a m	p m	p m
4 40	10 45	8 55	Ar Bradford Lv	9 10	2	5
4 34	10 40	8 55	Kenzua Jn	8 55	1 55	5
4 30	10 35	8 42	Rew City	9 05	2	5
4 23	10 25	8 28	Rixford	9 22	2 15	5
4 15	10 20	8 20	Duke Centre	9 30	2 25	5
4 00	10 00	8 05	Eldred	9 50	2 40	6
			P E & C R R			
3 55	9 55		Ceres	10 00	2 50	6
3 20	9 00		Little Genesee	10 55	4	7
	8 40		Lv Bolivar Ar	11 15	4	7
2	8 30		Allentown	11	4	7
1 05	8 00		Lv Wellsville ar	11 55	5	8
p m	p m	a m		a m	p m	p m

p m	p m	a m		a m	p m	p m
7 40	2 35	9 30	ar Bradford Jct	10	5	7
6 50	1 40	8 35	Kinzua Junction	10 05	5	7
6 35	1 25	8 18	Aiken	11	5	7
6	1 22	8 42	Davis	11 12	5	7
6 10	1 20	8 35	Simpson	11 20	5	7
6	1 10	8 25	Ormsby	11 30	5	7
5 40	12 40	7 55	Smethport	11 55	6	8
5 40	12 00	8 00	Mt. Jewett	1 50	6	8
5 00	11 00	7 20	Kane	2 50	6	9

p m	P & W R R	a m	p m
4 55	Carlson	11 35	
4 50	Smethport	11 40	5
4 19	Sheffield Junction	12 04	
12 55	Clarion	3 21	
11 55	Foxburg	3 41	
11 30	Parker	3 54	
9 45	Petrolia	4 30	
10 00	Millerstown	4 40	
9 25	Butler	5 00	
8 40	Cadogan Junction	5 50	
8 11	Bakerstown	6 25	
7 30	Allegheny	7 05	
a m		p m	p m

JNO C McKINNEY, Superintendent.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov 18 1888.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8.30, a m—Day Express daily except Sunday, for Sunbury Harrisburg and intermediate stations Philadelphia New York, Baltimore and Washington 2.45 p m, Philadelphia 6.50 p m, New York 9.45 p m, Baltimore 6.45 p m, Washington 7.30 p m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport to Philadelphia.

9 15 p m—Erie Mail daily for Sunbury Harrisburg and intermediate stations Lancaster Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington, arriving at Philadelphia 6.25 a m, New York 11.30 a m, Baltimore 8.15 a m, Washington 9.30 a m. Through Pullman sleeping cars are run on this train from Erie to Philadelphia and from Williamsport to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and through passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and from Williamsport to Baltimore.

WESTWARD

10.30 a m—Erie Mail daily for Erie and intermediate stations with through Pullman Palace car and through passenger coach to Erie.

6.25 p m—Niagara Express, daily except Sunday for Kane and intermediate stations with through passenger coaches to Kane.

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Niagara Express leaves Philadelphia 4.40 a m, Baltimore 7.30 a m daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction 6.05 p m, with through Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport.

Erie Mail leaves New York 8.00 p m, Philadelphia 11.25 p m, Baltimore 11.20 p m, daily arriving at Emporium June. 10 10 a m, with through Pullman Palace, sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

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COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, taken effect Monday June 20 1887

AR. EASTWARD			STATIONS.	LV. WESTWARD		
P M	P M			A M	P M	P M
8 27	1 23		Coudersport	8 00	4	6
8 24	1 17		Hammonds	8 03	4 06	6
8 18	1 10		Fisk Basket	8 07	4 12	6
8 11	1 05		Olmsted	8 12	4 17	6
8 11	1 05		Nelsons	8 12	4 17	6
8 03	12 57		Knowlton	8 20	4 25	6
7 57	12 50		Roulette	8 25	4 30	6
7 52	12 45		Pomeroy Bridge	8 30	4 35	6
7 43	12 36		Burtville	8 40	4 45	6
7 32	12 24		Coleman	8 50	4 55	6
7 27	12 19		Port Allegany	8 55	5 00	6

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